

# TIDAL WAVE OF BOOZE MAY YET SWEEP OVER COUNTRY

## LIQUOR MEN CLAIM DELAY OF 13 DAYS

ATTORNEYS FOR DISTILLERS CLAIM THERE IS LEGAL BASIS FOR DATE ON WHICH NATIONAL PROHIBITION GOES INTO EFFECT—CITE LANSINGS PROCLAMATION.

(By United Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19—Belief that a delay of at least thirteen days in the inauguration constitutional of prohibition can be obtained is gaining credence among attorneys here today to fight the battles of the liquor interests in the Supreme Court.

Constitutional prohibition, a cordoning to general understanding becomes effective on January sixteenth, being a year after the thirty sixth state ratifies the amendment. The liquor attorneys now claim there is no legal basis for the date. The proclamation of the state department, issued January 29, 1919, that the amendment had become a part of the constitution simply gives the states a ratified amendment and declares it a valid part of the constitution of the United States. The point the liquor dealers make is that some definite date must be proclaimed to the people as when amendment becomes effective.

## ASSASSINS TRY TO KILL LORD FRENCH

ONE OF ASSAILANTS IS SHOT DEAD BY A MEMBER OF MILITARY GOVERNOR'S ESCORT—POLICE RESERVES AND TWO TANKS RUSHED TO RESCUE.

(By United Press.)

DUBLIN, Dec. 19—A sensational attempt was made today to assassinate Lord French, military governor of Ireland.

The attempt was unsuccessful. One of the assailants was shot dead by Lord French's escort.

Lord French was returning from a tour of western Ireland when attacked near Ashton station. Police reserves and two tanks were rushed to the scene, but there was no further disorder.

TO RETURN WAR PRISONERS.

(By United Press.)

PARIS, Dec. 19—German delegation here announced that Premier Clemenceau had informed them that German prisoners of war in France will be returned immediately without awaiting the signing of the Protocol.

**IRISH PAPER SUPPRESSED.**

LONDON, Dec. 19—The Freeman's Journal, the famous Nationalist newspaper of Dublin, has been suppressed by order of the government. The paper has been seized. An attempt to suppress the paper was made by the government, but the paper was not suppressed.

## BIBLE LANDS NOW PLACE OF HORROR AND CANNIBALISM

AN ENTIRE NATION STARVING OR FORCED TO EAT HUMAN FLESH—FERTILE FIELDS BUT NO GRAIN TO PLANT—WORLD ASKED TO HELP

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19—Women and children starving by the thousands or eating flesh from the dead bodies of their friends and neighbors, pestilence and other horrors are depicted in letters which come from the near east, the Bible lands, now the refuge for Armenians and Abyssinians from the cruelties of the Turks.

Aimee V. Higdon, a noted philanthropist, writing from Erivan tells of conditions that are almost beyond belief. In her letter to the Near East Relief Association here she says, in part:

"Conditions here are terrible, but the worst place is Adir, near Etchmidzin. There the houses are full of unburied dead. A man walking through the streets the other day seemed to be carrying a sack; upon examination it was found to contain the body of a freshly killed man, which the bearer was carrying home to eat. In another family the cook was found roasting half the body of a baby. In other places children have been seen cracking human bones for marrow. I can really scarcely endure the sights we see of famished children on the streets. We do not have enough to feed half of them; besides we do not have enough relief workers.

"If the American people could realize that it is a common thing all through Armenia to see children lying dead in the streets and that people are forced to eat each other, they would hate themselves for having any surplus money which they would not offer to save these people. In some places the orphans are gathered from the street and placed in a big open courtyard to be given one bit of bread. They have to sleep on the ground with no covering. Usually the following morning they are sorted over and the dead ones put to one until the ox-cart comes around to gather them up.

"Meanwhile the wonderful fertile fields are all ploughed by the survivors of the massacres, but there is no grain to sow. The Tartars and Turks have carefully taken away all seed grain so as to make it impossible for the Armenians to have a harvest this year. Just think that these black soil valleys must go barren—that is the discouraging thing about it. It looks as though this famine must continue all next year. Things like this make one's blood boil. Many of the Armenians have money, but neither Tartars nor Gregorians will sell them anything. It seems as though something ought to be done at once to put an American or other protectorate here to save the people.

"The streets are full of weeping and begging. I can certainly say I have never seen a smile in this place—Just people crying all the time. Ajam, Ajam, (I am hungry.) When they receive something to eat, they break down and weep from sheer weakness. If some of the indifferent people in America could see this, they would never be the same people again. There are few Americans who could ever dream that there could be so much torture and suffering in the world. Of course there are individuals cases everywhere, but never before a whole nation in such a condition of suffering which never ends."

## ST. AUGUSTINE TO RAISE FUND FOR BOOMING RESORT

BOARD OF TRADE BE REORGANIZED, VESSALA'S BAND TO BE EMPLOYED AND NEW LIFE TAKEN ON—MOVEMENT TO SECURE MORE TOURIST TRADE.

ST. AUGUSTINE, Dec. 19—Reorganization of the board of trade raising a fund for properly exploiting St. Augustine as a winter resort and providing amusement for the visitors, here is the plan now of the leading citizens of this community.

Recreation, Amusement, Music and plenty of varied entertainment is to be provided for visitors and the old city is to be made so attractive that tourists will delight in their stay here and will regret to leave.

A committee will start very soon on a drive for membership and funds and have set the mark at fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00). This fund is to be used in rejuvenating St. Augustine; in making it the Mecca for tourists and it is a very modest sum with which to accomplish the transformation contemplated. This city is to regain its old prestige and those interested must "come across liberally. The piper's methods cannot be tolerated, but subscriptions commensurate with the magnitude of the task must be forthcoming. This money is an investment which is to pay big returns. Out of the sum raised all of the Board of Trade expenses for the year will be met, including Vessala's band for this winter. Aside from the music of this famous band the Board of Trade will furnish a multitude of entertainment for visitors, will work for a very much larger tourist patronage and will endeavor to make St. Augustine one of the brightest and busiest little resorts in the state.

The movement for reorganizing the Board of Trade and filling the citizens with "pep" has started. All business men are expected to do their duty now and help to the best of their ability. They are asked to give at least a generous fraction of what they would pay for an inexpensive clerk. They are asked to meet the committee with a smile and send it away smiling.

## PERSONNEL OF COAL TRIBUNALE WILL BE MADE PUBLIC TODAY

(By United Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19—Announcement of President Wilson's tribunal of three to investigate the coal situation is expected to be made today. They were settled on several days ago. Attorney General Palmer, regional director Hines and Secretary Tumulty at a conference late yesterday formed a letter of instructions to accompany the requests that they serve on the tribunal. It covers all phases of the coal situation exhaustively, it is understood.

UNWASHED SENTENCED.

(By United Press.)

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 19—Twenty-seven industrial workers of the world were sentenced to from three and a half to nine and a half years in the Federal penitentiary at Leavenworth late yesterday on charges of conspiracy.

## PRESIDENT EXPECTED TO KEEP ROADS

M'ADOO? WHO FAVORED EXTENSION OF GOVERNMENT CONTROL FOR FIVE YEARS HAS TWO HOUR CONFERENCE WITH PRESIDENT—MESSAGE EXPECTED SOON.

(By United Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19—Congress today expected to hear from President Wilson on the railroad situation. It was considered very likely that the President would make known his desires in regard to pending railroad legislation before the Christmas recess, scheduled start tomorrow night.

It was learned on reliable authority that the President talked the railroad situation with W. C. Adoo, former rail director, for two hours yesterday, and Adoo had given consideration to a communication from Labor and Farm representatives petitioning him to retain to Federal control of roads for two years.

McAdoo while director General, favored an extension of five years. It appears certain the President's message will announce Federal retention for at least several months.

## RED CROSS STAMPS ON STREET TOMORROW

WOMEN'S CLUB MAKING EFFORT TO DISPOSE OF QUOTA.

Sale So Far Have Been Unusually Small—Everybody Asked to Use Stamps on Packages.

Another effort will be made by the Woman's Club tomorrow to stimulate the sale of Red Cross Christmas stamps, the revenue from which is to go to fight the White Plague. Tables will be placed on the principal blocks in the retail district and young ladies will be in charge.

The sale of Palatka's quota of stamps is far behind. The campaign was supposed to have ended ten days ago, but an extension of time was granted. It is hoped to sell at least fifty per cent. of the quota during the next few days. The ladies of the Woman's Club request that all Christmas packages contain one or more Red Cross stamps.

## AEROPLANES LAND HERE

Two Strange Machines Have Been at Landing at Edmondson Field

That Palatka is in a direct route for aro joy riders who are going from the north and west to Miami, Palm Beach and other resorts in the state is indicated by the number of machines that have been seen over or near Palatka recently going south.

Early this week two strange machines landed at the Edmondson place where the exhibition machines were stationed. Both needed gasoline and as soon as they secured it went on their way. Pilots on both the machines, one of them carrying four persons, said a landing field here would encourage many aviators to stop, if fitted up so that starting would not be so hard in the soft sand.

## NUMBER OF AUTOS STUCK IN MUD ON AUGUSTINE ROAD

REPAIRS TO BRIDGE NECESSITATE DETOUR BEYOND ELKTON—ROAD WAS IMPASSABLE UP TO NOON—TIMES UNION TRUCK TURNS TURTLE

As many as five automobiles are known to be stuck in the mud in a detour on the St. Augustine road just the other side of Elkton from Palatka. Motorists from here attempting to make the trip to St. Augustine this morning turned back after learning of the fate of other machines stuck at various places in a two mile detour.

Between Elkton and St. Augustine the Florida Times-Union truck which brings the Times-Union to Palatka early in the morning, struck a hole in the road about daybreak and turned turtle. The driver was missing and it is not known whether or not he was hurt.

The boss of the chain gang which was making repairs to the bridge said that he would have had the bridge ready for passage this morning, but was forced to give assistance to any automobiles yesterday that could not complete the work.

## SEA COWS HAVE A JOB ROPING MANATEE

FARTY FROM WEST PALM BEACH HAVING TIME OF LIFE.

Trying to Lasso Sea Cow in Lake Worth—Manal Breaks Through Net and Carries Off Windlass

WEST PALM BEACH, Dec. 19—Captain Jim Moore and his flying squadron made the third successive attempt yesterday in as many days to capture and subdue a sea-cow, with no particular reference to age, color or sex. They left port before daybreak, under ideal weather conditions, with the cameraman from the Fox Film Co. and several other spectators aboard the boats.

About two miles south of Lake Worth they ran down a sea-cow—a "mol" (nickname among landlubbers for a short-horn)—and with the aid of fieldglasses detected "Mollie" gazing at a billboard of Horlick's malted milk. With a short of disgust at the thought of using ordinary cow's milk for babies, "Mol" turned a somersault, flipped a flipper with her tail and dashed for the island.

Not a man on the pursuing boats had taken a drink since sunrise. They were not seeing things. Not a sail in sight. "Mollie" dived, snorted, spouted, then waved a submarine salute.

The big manatee, cornered and confused, was surrounded with a huge net and then came the process of elimination. In order to capture a sea-cow, which is ordinarily done on Sundays owing to their sacred legend, the chief hunter or big-sack must first tire out the mammal by five or six long runs across the lake and back, after which Tanglefoot fly paper is used, and the whale of a cow is so tangled that she gives the high sign and submits to being milked without the aid of machinery.

But in this instance the mammal was considered easy to handle be-

## PACKERS TO TRAFFIC IN MEATS ONLY

AGREE TO FRIENDLY INJUNCTION PROVIDED SUIT AGAINST THEM ON CHARGE OF VIOLATING TRUST LAW IS WITHDRAWN—VICTORY FOR INDEPENDENTS.

(By United Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19—As forecasted in the United Press of yesterday a statement was issued from the offices of Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer late yesterday afternoon to the effect that prosecution of the meat packers would be stopped and that the packers will be engaged in any other business than that of meat and provisions.

Under the agreement the big five, Swift, Armour, Wilson, Cudahy and Morris, have agreed to sell under the supervision of the United States district court, all of their holdings in public stockyards, all of their interests in stockyards, railroads and terminals, all of their interests in markets, newspapers, to dispose of all of their main public cold storage warehouse except those necessary for their own meat products; to forever disassociate themselves from the retail meat business and all unrelated lines of business; to list given ranges from which they sell their meat and fountain supply of the furniture business.

Attorney General Palmer said that the decree prevents the defendants from exercising any further control over the marketing of live stock.

M. Palmer also declared that it prevents the packers from exercising any control of the retailing of beef products, and eliminates them from the field of meat substitutes, except eggs, butter, poultry and cheese, which are left for future consideration, and establishes the principles that "no group of men, no matter how powerful, can ever attempt to control the food table of the American people."

The packers also agreed to forever abandon the use of their distribution system, except for their own products, and submit to injunctions against attempts to monopolize food products. The attorney for Swift said that the step was taken to avoid antagonizing the government and to remove the cause of friction, but declared emphatically that it did not mean an admission that the company had violated any law.

cause of the "cold spell" in these waters. A manatee cannot withstand cold, so a gentleman from Indiana, standing on the hurricane deck, suggested the happy thought of freezing him into submission by throwing out a cake of ice. (And ice one dollar a hundred, at that.)

The refrigerator was emptied in twenty seconds and shortly frost appeared on the second mate's whiskers. A northern tourist pulled on a sweater and the manatee slowly rose toward the top. Then started to pull in the net by means of a windlass or spindle. "Oh, let joy be unconfined." We are about to feast upon the vision after many days. Then whang! Bang! Zip! and a couple of rips. Off goes the windlass and 150 feet of rope the seaward throw into a smoke screen and with a noise like the muffer of a three-ton truck and papa mammal was off to Havana to see the races. The hole in that net was big enough to let in the ocean. The hunt was over.